

Appl. No. 09/805,602
Amdt. Dated 09-01-2005
Reply to Office action of 06-01-2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6, 16-21, and 31-36, rejected claims 7-10, 22-25, and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). In addition, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter for claims 11-15, 26-30, and 41-45 if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claims 7-10, 22-25, and 37-40, and amended claims 11-13, 15, 19, 26-28, 30, 41-43, and 45. Applicants preserve the right to continue prosecuting the canceled claims in the future. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 11-15, 26-30, and 41-45 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 11, 12, 26, 27, 41, and 42 to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully requests that newly amended independent claims 11, 12, 26, 27, 41, and 42 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

In summary, Applicants believe that independent claims 1, 11, 12, 16, 26, 27, 31, 41, and 42 and their respective dependent claims are allowable.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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